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THE COUNTY BOND ISSUE

Our County Judge, John G. Asher, Presents Some Unanswerable Arguments in Bond Favor

On the question of road bonds let us have a little heart to heart talk. We find on this question as on all other vital questions a diversity of opinion. This is all right as everyone is justly entitled to his or her opinion. But a great many reasons are assigned for the bonds and a great many against them, and in many instances without a shadow of argument therefor. First let us consider the facts upon which a bonded issue is based. In the first place all our roads now to be constructed or reconstructed by state aid are under the supervision of state authorities. And the state offers and obligates itself to pay one-half of the bond issue that any county may authorize for road and bridge construction under state aid. Placing us in this attitude relative to the payment therefor, we pay one-half and the state pays one-half. If we as a people are desirous of bettering our road conditions, and undertake to construct rock roads under state supervision, the state will lay down one dollar for every one dollar that we lay down for that purpose. Then later we are promised from the Federal government a like sum, and this sum comes out of the postal department. So it is up to us to inaugurate the spirit of enterprise and vote the issue of the bonds and take the benefit of state and Federal aid. In this way we can soon have good roads and be reaping the benefit of them while we are paying for them. The tax necessitated therefor cannot exceed the sum of 20 cents on the hundred dollars worth of taxable property, and there can be no poll tax for road purposes. So the tax at most will not be very heavy. And the use of the roads will more than pay any man in each and every year that he pays taxes. Some people object to the bond issue from the fact that they consider it a debt created for future generations to pay. In a sense this is true but who would object to that, when we are building roads for future generations to use. Still another objection is that it will enhance the value of lands, and will not increase their productive qualities. The first may be true and I really believe that it is, the latter is of course true, for nothing will increase the productivity of your lands other than something placed immediately thereon. But granting that the marketable value of the land is increased, who would object to that? Some say, we do not want to sell our lands, hence we would be paying on something for which we have never realized any money. Now this is an elusive argument and of no value whatever for this reason, if you go out in the beginning of the year to prepare for a large crop of tobacco, you do so from a monetary consideration. You have no money at the beginning, but you toil on through the heat of summer and finally succeed in producing a \$1000 crop of tobacco. You deduct the expense of production and preparing for and marketing, and you see what you have left as an asset. Whatever it may be it represents your increased possessions. Now is it

not a fact that it is easier for you to create possessions in the advance value of lands and other property than to toil through the heat of summer to do so. And it is the first consideration of every good, wise and thrifty farmer to see to it well that everything he owns is increasing in value thereby adding to his already accumulated holdings. Do you think that your children will rise up and denounce you for giving them good roads and also a road tax to pay? If you are leaving them a landed estate increased in value by virtue of the roads, and all by your enterprising spirit voting upon yourself and them the little increase in taxation. No, but on the contrary they will always praise their fathers for their forethought and would say, we would feel ashamed of them should they have left us with the expensive mud roads and forced us to build good roads and get all the benefit of them while they are sleeping in their graves. Good roads are coming, one way or the other. We may by our votes refuse to build roads and take advantage of State aid, but other counties are going to and are now taking advantage and it is only a question of time until we will have to whether we want to or not.

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High School News

The Manthanepian and Seimantian Literary societies of M. H. S., had a joint meeting on Friday, April 14th. The name of the program was "On to Morganfield." It was very interesting and much enjoyed by all. The high school song was sung with great enthusiasm by the whole assembly. Prof. Christian gave a splendid talk on "Plans For The Trip." Some other subjects discussed were "The Outlook for the Track Meet," "What we can do to help win," "Why we expect to win when we go to Morganfield," and "Fun of the trip." A paper written by Frank Coker. Special music was rendered by a mixed quartet. The program showed just how enthusiastic we are and our attitude toward these contests. We will be able to get a special train if enough people will go. Go yourself and urge your friends to go. The track meet is a thing not to be seen every day and you'll be sorry if you miss it, and the other contests are popular they need no further recommendation. Get aboard the train and go to Morganfield and "boost for Marion."



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GEO. M. CRIDER,
Financial Correspondent
Marion, Ky.

ANNUAL MEETING AT PADUCAH, KY.,

Southern Presbyterian Presbytery
—New Minister Installed at
First Pres. Church.

Paducah Presbytery met in the First Presbyterian church in Paducah, Ky., Wednesday evening April 12th, and the opening sermon was delivered by Rev. D. B. Gregory, of the second church, Henderson. At the close of the sermon Presbytery was called to order and Mr. E. C. Ward, of Henderson was elected moderator for the term. The Presbytery then adjourned to meet at 9 o'clock Thursday morning. The whole day of Thursday was taken up with routine business and at 7:30 p. m., the Presbytery proceeded to install as pastor of the Paducah church the Rev. Peter Pleune formerly of Holland, Mich., and later of New York City. Dr. Vandermulen, pastor of the second Presbyterian church, of Louisville had been invited to preach the installation sermon which he did from the text "Give ye them to eat."

Dr. Vandermulen possesses the happy faculty of saying the right thing at the right time. He was listened to very attentively by a large and very appreciative audience. At the close of the sermon moderator Ward propounded the usual questions, after which Rev. H. V. Escott, of Marion delivered the charge to the congregation. After the installation, Presbytery closed to meet at the call of the moderator, at Hopkinsville, Ky., May 3rd.

CONTRACT LET FOR 60 MILES

More Road Construction In Graves
To be Considered in June

Mayfield, Ky., Apr. 18.—Great interest now centers on good roads in Graves county, as was shown by the number of propositions and bids presented to the Fiscal Court this week. More than sixty miles of roads were let to be graveled this summer at a cost of about \$40,000, of which the county pays one-half and the citizens along the different roads the other half. At the June meeting of the Fiscal Court contracts to build many more miles will be let.

The contract for building and graveled the State-aid road from Burnett's Chapel to Bell City, a distance of six miles was let to N. E. Rhodes, of Lynnvile, for \$7,309.04. The contract for building concrete bridges and culverts was let to Adams & Belote, contractors, of Mayfield.

SPECIAL SERVICES.

There will be special services at First Presbyterian church next Sunday, April 23rd, with preaching by the pastor Rev. Henry V. Escott. At morning services Easter sermon with special music. Evening service Shakespeare Anniversary, subject of sermon "Shakespeare and Religion." There will be special music at the church at the Sunday morning service, in which the following persons will assist Miss Sarah Woods the organist: Mrs. S. M. Jenkins, Harp; Miss Lucile Pope, 1st Violin; Medley Cannan, Cello; Miss Miriam Pierce, 2nd Violin; Miss Linda Jenkins, Clarinet.

EXPLANATION OF TAXATION

By Congressman John E. Lamb In
The National Monthly—Contributed by T. M. Dean.

Mr. S. M. Jenkins,
Dear Sir:

Since the "Bond Issue" question has come up I find some of the fellows opposed to it, because of an existing prejudice against taxation. There are many fair minded men who wish to pay for everything they get, who feel that they get nothing in return for their "tax money."

I am sending you some extracts from a piece written for the "National Monthly" by Hon. John E. Lamb, of Indiana, and would be glad to have you publish it some time, when you have plenty of space, if you like the sentiment of it. Yours,

T. M. Dean,
Deanwood, Ky.

The Question of Taxation.

"There is no governmental question of more vital concern to the people than that of taxation. It is as old as civilization and has occupied the minds of statesmen and rulers from the earliest recorded time."

"It is but just that men who are hedged about by the majesty of the law, protected in their rights to life, liberty and pursuits of happiness, through the instrumentality of an organized society, should be compelled to pay for the privileges and blessings they enjoy."

"The man who has reached the highest perfection of understanding and is capable of comprehending the theory of civilization will always pay the full measure of his taxes without a murmur on his lips."

"And why? Because the tax you pay is the price you give for the protection the government casts around you. It places a shield of protection between your life and the hatred of your enemies. It protects you in the performance of your daily duties, and through a multiplicity of laws, prevents the brigand of the King's highway from carrying away the fruit of your honest toil. It builds schools and universities, and places within easy reach of your children an education, and thus prepares them for the battles of maturity. It builds penal institutions for the confinement of the criminals, and asylums and hospitals for those who are unable to care for themselves. And when at last you pass away it still stands as guardian representing you in the distribution of your property and lastly places the sentinel of security at your grave for the benefit of loved ones left behind."

DEMANDS THAT WILSON ACT

American Rights Committee Says
Nation's Honor Is At Stake.

The Executive Committee of the American Rights Committee announced it had sent the following telegram to President Wilson:

On behalf of thousands of American citizens of business and professional standing, residents of every state in the Union, we, the American Rights Committee, respectfully call upon you to make good your promise

to hold the German government to strict accountability for its murderous attacks on merchant and passenger vessels. Long-er to evade the issue which has been repeatedly presented by the wanton destruction of so many non-combatant lives would be to justify the reproaches of a rapidly increasing number of thoughtful citizens who charge the administration with forgetfulness of the nation's honor.—George Haven Putnam, Pres., L. L. Forman Sec., Everett V. Abbott, Lawrence F. Abbott, Frederic R. Coudert, W. K. Brice, Richard Henry Gatling, Franklin H. Giddings, Charles P. Howland, D. W. Johnson, Richard M. Hure, H. De Raasloff and James B. Townsend.

REPORTS TO HEADQUARTERS

Crittenden County Boy Salutatorian In Missouri College.

The following letter was received from Eulis Hodges, son of Dr. W. U. Hodges, formerly of Shady Grove, who located several years ago at Weaubleau, Mo. It will be of interest to the relatives and friends of the family in this section where they were all raised and lived for many years. The letter follows:

Weaubleau, Mo.,
April 18, 1916.
Mr. S. M. Jenkins,
Marion, Ky.,

Dear Sir:
As it is customary for all Crittenden county boys to report to headquarters, The Crittenden Record-Press, I am enclosing an invitation to our commencement exercises. We left Kentucky in 1908. My father, Dr. W. U. Hodges is located at this place. We enjoy reading the news from our old home. Wishing you much success I remain, Yours truly,
Eulis Hodges.

Young Hodges' name appears in the handsome program as salutatorian, he being one of the graduating class of seven of the Weaubleau High School. We are proud of all our boys who avail themselves of the opportunity to get an education.

Deaths At Salem.

Died at his home in Salem, on April 12th, S. J. Mitchell, seventy-seven years of age. He suffered intensely for almost three months with kidney trouble. He leaves a wife, six children and many friends and relatives to mourn his loss. Funeral services were conducted by R. A. LaRue in the home, after which he was buried in the Salem cemetery.

Died at his home near Salem, Collin Hodge, April 13th, after an illness of only a few days. He was a son of Elder Collin Hodge, of blessed memory in this county. He leaves a son and daughter, grand-children and friends and neighbors to mourn his loss. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. R. A. LaRue after which he was buried at Tyner's Chapel cemetery.

Larkin Baxter, an aged and respected citizen, of near Salem died at his home April 13th, of diseases incident to old age. He was buried near his home. He leaves a wife, friends and neighbors to mourn his loss.

S. T. Dupuy and wife, J. W. Blue and G. M. Crider will attend the Laymens Presbyterian convention, of the Southern church, May 3rd, to 7th, at Hopkinsville.

FEDERAL COURT MET MONDAY

Important Docket At Paducah.
Former Benton Postmaster
Charged With Embezzling.

Paducah, Ky., April 18.—The April term of United States Court for the Western district of Kentucky convened Monday in the Federal building by Judge Walter Evans, of Louisville. A number of important cases were on the docket, and consumed about two days. An important criminal case was that against Robert I. Blagg, former postmaster at Benton, charged with embezzling \$1,015.11 of the post-office funds.

Much interest has been shown in the suit of Mrs. Annie O. Rickman, formerly of Benton, against L. Robertson and other citizens of Marshall county, a number of whom are prominent, for \$52,000 damages for the alleged dynamiting of her home and threatening the lives of herself and husband. The criminal cases are:

Peyton S. Welsh, charged with breaking into and robbing the postoffice at Fristoe, Ky.; Robert Smithson, charged with bootlegging; Jesse Bryant, charged with stealing from an interstate shipment; John H. Brayton, charged with robbing the post-office at Smithland, Ky.; Elrod Krapar, charged with robbing Ellis Nall, assistant postmaster at Hickory, Ky.; F. P. Lutton, charged with bootlegging; J. G. Lemon and Helen Jenkins Switzer, charged with sending obscene literature through the mails; Frank Edgings and Nettie Boyd, charged with violating the anti-pass law; Robert I. Blagg, charged with embezzling; C. G. Tindall, charged with using the mails to defraud; Wallace Vinegar Company, charged with violating the pure food law.

ROAD BOND ELECTION

For \$150,000 to be Held in Trigg
County on June 15.

Cadiz, Ky., April 14.—On Thursday, the 15th day of next June, an election will be held in Trigg county for the purpose of taking the sense of the legal voters upon the question of issuing bonds to the amount of \$150,000 for the purpose of building roads in the county. Petitions signed by several hundred citizens, only one hundred and fifty legal voters and free holders being required, have been filed in the County Court during the past week. The petition lies over for a month for exceptions, and the order for the election will be made by Judge Hooks the second Monday in May.

\$160,000 FOR ROADS

Bond Issue Carries by Majority of
1,300—State Aid to be Obtained

Albion, Ill., Apr. 18.—Edwards county gave 1,300 majority in a special election today on the question of issuing \$160,000 county bonds to build rock roads. The state will put up dollar for dollar with the county, making a total of \$320,000 to be spent on improved pikes in this county and connecting up Grayville.

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